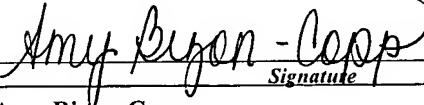
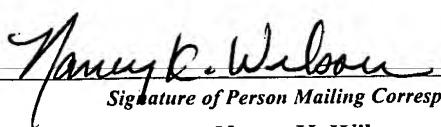
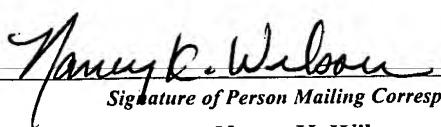
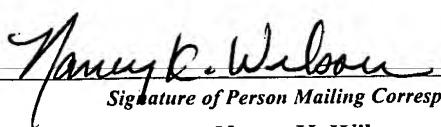




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Invention: PLASTIC JOINT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID JOINT							
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed December 6, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks for entry in the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Drawings, beginning on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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